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December 20, 2016

US EPA Region 5 Brownfields
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Dear Mr. Didier:

On behalf of the City of Danville, I am pleased to submit this Proposal for a \$300,000 Community-Wide Brownfields Assessment Grant. Danville is located in East Central Illinois, just west of the Illinois/Indiana border between Indianapolis, Indiana and Champaign, Illinois. For many decades, Danville relied on its mines, foundries and rail yards for prosperity. As those operations dwindled, Danville's economy became more and more dependent on manufacturing, particularly following World War II. The ebb and flow of manufacturing jobs in Danville has had a significant negative impact on the local economy and has produced an unstable economic environment. The shuttering of factories, the export of manufacturing jobs to other regions and countries, and the economic downturns over the past several decades have left a legacy of blighted and abandoned buildings in their wake.

The consequences to Danville's demographics are clear and evident. The population has dropped more than 22% over the past 40 years. Danville's poverty rate is more than twice the State of Illinois rate, and Danville's childhood poverty rate is 2.5 times the Illinois rate. Unemployment statistics are in accord with these figures, with Danville's October 2016 unemployment rate more than 17% greater than the Illinois figure for the same period.

The target area for this brownfields assessment project includes the East Main Street and East Fairchild Street Corridors and the surrounding residential neighborhoods. As challenging as Danville's demographics are, the figures in the target area are even more so. This area of concentrated brownfields and environmental concerns is home to a higher proportion of vulnerable persons – children and adults living in poverty, residents with limited English proficiency, households with limited economic means, those living in older housing more likely to have lead paint and asbestos-containing materials present. Demographics like those demonstrated for Danville and the target area create a complex set of challenges - both economically and socially – that go far beyond brownfields. Not the least of these challenges is budget pressure. USEPA brownfields assessment funds will help alleviate budget pressures by providing funds for essential environmental

assessment and reuse planning activities required to revitalize the East Main and East Fairchild Street Corridors.

Danville has made tremendous progress using a former USEPA Brownfields Assessment Grant, but those funds have been expended and the grant closed out. Danville proved a wise steward of those funds, accomplishing a great deal, fulfilling the work plan, and meeting all programmatic requirements. At a time when grant funds are limited, we believe Danville is a great investment for brownfields grant dollars, given our successful record.

Applicant Identification:	City of Danville, 17 West Main Street, Danville, Illinois 61832
DUNS Number:	071437586
Funding Request:	\$300,000 Community-Wide Assessment Grant (\$150,000 Petroleum, \$150,000 Hazardous Substances)
Location:	City of Danville, Vermilion County, Illinois
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Submittal Date:	December 21, 2016
Project Period:	October 1, 2017 – September 30, 2020
Population:	33,027 (US Census Bureau, 2010)

We hope that this Proposal demonstrates our City's need for brownfields assessment funding and recognizes our commitment to this project based upon our efforts thus far, as well as our future plans for the cleanup and redevelopment of brownfield sites within the City of Danville. Please do not hesitate to contact me for information in regards to Danville's brownfields redevelopment efforts. Thank you for your consideration of this US EPA Community-wide Assessment Proposal.

Sincerely,



Scott Eisenhauer, Mayor
City of Danville, Illinois

1: COMMUNITY NEED:

a. Target Area and Brownfields

i. Community and Target Area Descriptions: The City of Danville, founded in 1827, is located in East Central Illinois, just west of the Illinois/Indiana border between Indianapolis, Indiana, and Champaign, Illinois. Rich salt deposits located along the Vermilion River led early settlement and industry, attracting pioneers and traders to the area to construct salt works, mills, and other associated industries. By the mid-1800s, coal miners began moving to the area, and Danville soon became the top coal-producing area in Illinois. During the mid-to-late-1800's the railroad was Danville's primary engine of growth due to the strategic confluence of several major transport lines. Since Danville's early days, its prosperity and growth have been inextricably linked to shifts of the region's industrial sector. For many decades, Danville's prosperity depended on its mines, foundries and rail yards. As those operations dwindled, Danville's economy became more dependent on manufacturing. A General Motors foundry plant provided more than 1,000 jobs in Danville until it closed its doors in 1996. Hyster Fork Lift employed nearly 700 in Danville until the plant was shuttered in 2001. The ebb and flow of manufacturing jobs has had a significant negative impact on the local economy. Although companies have continued to open and expand, it has not been enough to keep pace with the number of factories that have closed their doors and left the area. The shuttering of factories, the export of manufacturing jobs, and the economic downturns over the past several decades have left a legacy of environmental contamination and blighted, abandoned buildings in their wake.

The Target Area designated in this assessment proposal includes the East Main Street Corridor and the East Fairchild Street Corridor. As of 2016, these Corridors included approximately 100 vacant parcels and 50 vacant homes, directly affecting the quality of life in the Target Area. Vacancies contribute to poor visual appearances, negatively impact property values, and foster a perception of economic decline. The challenges faced by the Target Area of this proposal can be attributed, in part, to systemic changes in retailing and manufacturing which have adversely affected job creation, housing values, and neighborhood sustainability. The retail weaknesses and the resulting decline in building maintenance in the Target Area are the results of larger economic shifts, rather than causes themselves.

Within the Target Area, Danville has identified four priority brownfield sites to pursue for remediation and reuse, which are listed below:

- 1) **Former Golden Sun Feeds:** This building, located at 628 East Fairchild Street along a highly traveled corridor and only two blocks from Danville High School, has been sitting vacant for over 10 years and is blighted and unsecure. The taxes are delinquent on the property.
- 2) **Former Textile Factory:** Located at 1513 Factory Street, directly across the street from numerous single family residences, this site has been vacant for at least 15 years and is abandoned with no traceable owner. The 2.5 acre site has been inspected by Danville personnel and old drums of unknown origin and contents were found in and around the building.
- 3) **Former Bottling Facility:** Located at 1405 East Main Street, this site has been utilized for other purposes, but now sits vacant in a prominent location on Main Street. This site is one block away from a neighborhood elementary school and numerous single family residences directly border the site. There is a great deal of foot traffic around the site regularly.
- 4) **Former Kramer's Gas/Service Station:** The former gas/service station site at 1015 East Main Street is vacant and has been for many years. The site now has a local owner so there is some hope for redevelopment/reuse. There is a church located one-half block to the west and numerous residences bordering and in the vicinity.

ii. Demographic Information and Indicators of Need: The 2010 US Census listed Danville's population as 33,027 – a 22.4% decrease from the 1970 high of 42,570¹. The 2014 American Community Survey 5-year estimates show Danville's 30.6% poverty rate at more than twice the 13.5% Illinois rate. Danville's \$35,581 median household income is nearly 40% lower than the Illinois rate. Danville's Per Capita Income of \$18,925 is far below both the State's and Nation's Per Capita Income of \$30,019 and \$28,555 respectively. Unemployment statistics are in accord with these figures, as Danville's October 2016 6.6% unemployment rate standing more than 40% higher than the Illinois figure². City-wide, these

¹ U.S. Decennial Census, 2010-2014 American Community Survey Census, available at <http://www.census.gov>.

² U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics at <http://www.bls.gov/data/#unemployment>.

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statistics are startling, but when you look at the designated Target Area’s demographics, they are even more dismal. In every category shown in Table 1 below, the Target Area lags well behind the rest of the community. This Target Area is home to a higher proportion of sensitive populations – children and adults living in poverty, residents with limited English proficiency, households with limited economic means, and those living in older housing. Demographics like those of Danville and the target area create a complex set of challenges - both economically and socially – that go far beyond brownfields. The Target Area’s extremely low Per Capita Income, astounding Poverty Rate, above average Unemployment Rate, and far below average Median Household Income all serve as glaring indicators of the City’s economic challenges, and illustrates the dire need for brownfields grant funding that would create new jobs and provide a better standard of living for the City’s residents.

TABLE 1: DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION	Target Area	City of Danville	State of Illinois	United States
Population²:	10,350	33,027	12,859,995	314,107,084
Unemployment³:	11.5%	6.6%	5.6%	5.0%
Poverty Rate²:	39.71%	30.6%	13.6%	15.6%
Percent Minority²:	41.26%	29.1%	22.7%	37.2%
Median Household Income²:	\$31,900	\$35,581	\$57,166	\$53,482
Per Capita Income²:	\$16,725	\$18,925	\$30,019	\$28,555
Childhood Poverty Rate²:	60.91%	44.4%	20.4%	21.6%
Limited English Households²:	3.2%	2.6%	9.4%	8.6%
% of Housing Built Pre-1939²:	44.1%	42.2%	22.8%	13.5%
Sources: US Census 2010; US Census 2010-2014 American Community Survey Data; US Bureau of Labor Statistics				

iii. Brownfields and Their Impacts: The City of Danville, working with its Brownfield Advisory Committee (BAC) and the community at large, has compiled an inventory of 105 brownfield sites. However, there may be as many as 250 sites that meet the EPA brownfield definition. Of the inventoried sites: 45 have been utilized for various industrial activities including manufacturing, machining, or fabricating; 43 were used as gas stations or other automotive related businesses; 5 were once dry cleaners; and 12 have incomplete histories or multiple suspect uses. There is likely contamination present at most of these sites based on the prior activities. Most of these sites are now blighted and vacant. Particularly in the target area, brownfields are in very close proximity – often adjacent – to residential properties. This poses a particular threat of exposure by nearby residents to contaminants via direct contact, inhalation, vapor intrusion, or ingestion. These brownfield sites threaten the public health and the environment of the City, and impose a blighting effect that leads to further distress, negative perceptions, and disinvestment. Most of the 45 industrial sites are located on the East side of Danville within the targeted area. These sites, ranging in size from 4,500 square feet to 20+ acres, are generally concentrated along heavily traveled corridors. The suspect sites that have housed dry cleaning businesses are primarily clustered around the downtown area.

Additionally, there are over 207 buildings throughout Danville that have been identified as vacant (defined as “unoccupied and either unsecured, secured by other than normal means or condemned”) through the City’s vacant building registration program. Of the buildings noted as vacant, 74% also have been identified as abandoned. All of these structures are at least 40 years old, with most being over 50 years old. The age of these vacant structures would suggest that most, if not all, contain both asbestos and lead. A significant number of the identified vacant buildings are listed in the City’s brownfields inventory. Many of these sites and buildings are located within walking distance of schools, churches, and other public buildings and, therefore, may present health, safety, and environmental hazards to local residents. The East Main Street corridor in the Target Area is a mix of commercial, industrial, and residential land uses that developed over decades. Today, this corridor primarily is home to businesses that provide goods and services to surrounding impoverished neighborhoods. The Illiana Veterans Affairs Health Care facility and Danville Area Community College are located along this corridor. These entities are two of Danville’s largest employers and serve as regional destinations for health care and education. Just north of this corridor is an older industrial area known locally as the East Fairchild Street Industrial corridor. This area once was an employment center, but the mass exodus of industry has left many of the former structures and sites abandoned, vacant, dilapidated, and in many cases, contaminated.

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Table 2 below describes the likely contaminants, exposure pathways, and potential health effects associated with the four priority brownfield sites that Danville has identified in the Target Area:

TABLE 2: HIGH PRIORITY TARGET AREA BROWNFIELDS SITES			
Site	Contaminants	Exposure Pathways	Health Effects
Former Golden Sun Feeds 628 E Fairchild St (4.3 acres) <i>Animal feed manufacturing</i>	chlorinated solvents, asbestos, mold	direct contact, airborne particulates, vapor intrusion, ingestion	respiratory problems, nerve damage, liver/kidney damage
Former Textile Factory 1513 Factory St (2.5 acres)	chlorinated solvents, acetone, toluene, paints, asbestos	direct contact, airborne particulates, vapor intrusion, ingestion	respiratory problems, central nervous system , heart, blood, liver, kidney damage
Former Bottling Facility 1405 E Main St (1.4 acres)	acetone, toluene, chlorinated solvents,	direct contact, airborne particulates, vapor intrusion, ingestion	respiratory problems, central nervous system, liver, kidney damage
Former Kramer's Gas/Service Station Site 1015 E Main St (0.12 acres)	Benzene, toluene, xylene, oils, ethylene glycol	direct contact, airborne particulates, vapor intrusion, ingestion	respiratory problems, central nervous system, liver, kidney damage

b. Welfare, Environmental, and Public Health Impacts

i. Welfare Impacts: These brownfield sites negatively impact the welfare of the targeted area. As noted in Section 1.a. many of Danville's brownfield sites are also abandoned and blighted. This blight/abandonment is related to increased crime and deteriorating conditions of the surrounding properties and neighborhood. According to Danville Police Department 2010-2015 call data and a 2015 housing condition/occupancy survey undertaken by City staff, there is evidence of a direct correlation between concentrations of blight/abandonment and higher crime. 2015 data from Danville's code enforcement division shows an increased concentration of property maintenance violations on properties adjacent to blighted/abandoned properties. These vacant and abandoned properties and structures also have a blighting effect on surrounding property, thereby lowering property values all around the community. The high rate of older housing in the target area, combined with low income, high poverty, and long-term disinvestment, all exacerbate the property maintenance issues in the target area. A comprehensive revitalization program is needed to arrest this decline. This assessment funding is an important part of Danville's revitalization plans in the target area.

ii. Cumulative Environmental Issues: A review of EJScreen, the USEPA's Environmental Justice Screening and Mapping Tool³, shows a number of cumulative environmental issues present in Danville that jeopardize human health and environment. Table 3 below summarizes these issues. An alarming number of these environmental concerns are in the upper two quartiles for Danville, creating a situation where cumulative issues place an undue burden from existing sources of pollution on human health and environment. In Table 3 below, the factors in **bold** are in the 50th to 74th percentile; those in **bold, italic, underline** are in the 75th through 99th percentile.

TABLE 3: CUMULATIVE ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES			
Selected Variable	Percentile in State	Percentile in EPA Region	Percentile in USA
Ozone	79	56	42
Traffic Proximity	69	69	38
Lead Paint	69	75	83
NPL Proximity	87	79	74
RMP Proximity	82	87	89
Water Discharger Proximity	53	61	61

The soil and groundwater present on each of the identified priority sites may pose a serious health threat to nearby residents and a disproportionate threat to sensitive populations in the targeted area. Another health and environmental concern is the potential migration of contaminants from the brownfield sites to the surrounding waterways including the nearby Vermilion River, which is the public water supply for the community. Migrating contamination from Danville's brownfields may pose a threat to that water supply, and to natural habitats and ecosystems.

³ EJScreen available at <http://www.epa.gov/ejscreen>.

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iii. Cumulative Public Health Impacts: The Target Area priority sites are all located within low income residential neighborhoods and near schools and churches, which intensifies the threat of human exposure and health effects from the contaminants. Danville has identified the sensitive populations that are being disproportionately affected by these brownfields. They include minorities, children, persons living in poverty, and women of child bearing age. Within the Target Area, US Census data shows that 41.26% of the population is comprised of minorities, compared to 29.1% citywide. Furthermore, more than 44% of the female population in the Target Area is comprised of women of child bearing age. 39.71% of all people and 60.91% of children live below the poverty level. A full 74.8% of Danville's schoolchildren are eligible for free and reduced lunch, compared to 58.7% for Illinois⁴. Data provided by the Vermilion County Health Department indicates there is a high incidence of both lead poisoning and asthma in children within the target area over the past 10 years. Given the age of housing in the target neighborhood, with more than 44.1% of homes built in 1939 or earlier, and the significant pollutants listed in the cumulative environmental conditions section, these facts are not surprising. Health concerns for sensitive populations are often intensified by lack of access to adequate health care and nutrition. In Danville, 14.8% of the population does not have health insurance; that number rises to 22.8% in the target area⁵. These numbers demonstrate the breadth of health concerns across the entire Danville community and particularly in the target area.

c. Financial Need

i. Economic Conditions: Danville does not have the resources to tackle the assessment work described herein without support. Danville lost much of its manufacturing base between 1970 and 1990. This large loss of jobs led to a significant population loss for Danville. In fact, Danville's population today is virtually identical to what it was 90 years ago, yet Danville's land area has increased from 7.2 square miles then to 18 square miles now. This makes the maintenance of infrastructure and provision of services increasingly difficult for Danville as the population and tax base have not kept pace with the growth in the community's footprint. The widespread closings of factories and subsequent employment and population losses have also left many properties in Danville vacant and abandoned. These vacant and abandoned sites generate much less tax revenue than productive uses. Danville staff sampled active uses along the East Main Corridor and found a 440% difference in assessed valuation between the active uses and the four priority sites identified in Table 2 above. Attempts have been made to attract development to Danville, and many have failed due to the uncertainties related to the presence of contaminants on brownfield sites. Since 2008, Danville has lost an additional 900 jobs, as shown in Table 4. These continuing losses help to explain Danville's relatively high rate of unemployment. A lack of disposable income for remaining Danville residents also is a problem and has resulted in marginal new investment in the community. For example, investment in housing stock has dwindled in recent years. More than 42% of Danville's housing stock – and more than 44% of the target area's stock - was built in 1939 or earlier, compared to 22.8% for Illinois. Only 4.4% of Danville's (and 1.1% of the target area's) housing units have been built since 2000, compared to 11.6% in Illinois. Danville's median household income is only \$35,581 – or \$21,585 less than the Illinois figure. This affords Danville residents very little income to spend on community goods and services, which worsens the economic problems suffered by the City.

TABLE 4: DANVILLE/VERMILION COUNTY JOB LOSSES – JANUARY 2008 TO OCTOBER 2015 ⁶					
Employer	Year	Jobs Lost	Employer	Year	Jobs Lost
Peabody Vermilion Grove Mine	2009	160	Bunge Milling	2010	99
East Central IL Community Action	2010	58	Dynegy Vermilion Power Station	2011	53
Conagra Foods	2012	110	Freight Car America	2013	254
Citibank	2013	121	Ball Metal Beverage Pkg	2014	45

These pressing economic conditions drain resources and leave little or no money to address brownfields. As the economic problems associated with business closings, job losses, and lower incomes trickle upward from the residents and businesses, Danville's government is facing ever-tightening budgets. The loss of businesses and reduction in property values mean less City revenue. Because of this, Danville has had to make some significant budget cutbacks including elimination of 52 positions and streamlining of nearly all services. Danville's lack of cash reserves to supplement unexpected shortfalls in revenue makes

⁴ 2015 figures from the Illinois State Board of Education, available at http://www.isbe.net/nutrition/htmls/eligibility_listings.htm.

⁵ 2014 US Census American Community Survey figures, available at <http://www.census.gov>.

⁶ Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity WARN notices, available at <http://www.illinois.gov/dceo/WorkforceDevelopment/warn/Pages/default.aspx>

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circumstances even direr. One of the goals presented in the Danville Comprehensive Plan is to promote sustainable, compact, and contiguous development because scattered development can be difficult and often impractical to provide with services. However, with an already strained municipal budget, Danville cannot afford to assess brownfield sites and promote reuse of brownfields, and so some development is still leap-frogging to greenfield sites. This assessment grant will help Danville assess brownfields and jump-start redevelopment on sites that conventional developers would typically ignore. This, in turn, promotes the reuse of abandoned brownfields, while providing good paying jobs for Danville residents, and increasing municipal revenues, all of which are key objectives of the City's Comprehensive Plan.

ii. Economic Effects of Brownfields: While the Target Area may be a key strategy for the City's economic development revitalization and its future as a vibrant network of an interconnected, healthy community, the rising economic tide of the City's efforts have not yet reached the Target Area. As demonstrated in the Demographic Information Table, the Target Area's poverty rate (39.71%) is almost triple that of state rate (13.6%). The Target Area's unemployment rate (11.5%) is more than double that of the State (5.6%) and Nation (5.0%). With a minority population (41.26%) greater than the City, State, and Nation, the Target Area has the greatest minority concentration in Danville. Certainly, brownfields aren't the sole cause of impoverishment and unemployment, however, their heavy concentration in the Target Area complicates many ways of solving these very problems. The redevelopment problems facing the Target Area can be viewed as a cycle: reduced consumer demand have created a surplus of commercial space; surplus commercial space leads to increased vacancies; when vacancies increase, rents decrease; when rents decrease, under-capitalized businesses move in – and as a result of lower rents, property owners defer maintenance; and when maintenance is deferred, property values drop and the corridor begins to look uncared for. The good news is that Brownfields Redevelopment like that which is described in this proposal are a direct solution to stopping this cycle, by intervening and providing job creation, financial redevelopment incentives, and removing blight and underutilization of properties.

2: PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND FEASIBILITY OF SUCCESS:

a. Project Description, Timing, and Implementation

i. Project Description and Alignment with Revitalization Plans: Danville will use assessment funds to evaluate, prioritize, characterize, and assess brownfields sites and conduct cleanup and reuse planning and community involvement related to brownfields. The work will focus on previously inventoried sites within the Target Area, more specifically along the East Main and East Fairchild Street Corridors. In May 2015, Danville completed a comprehensive planning process that resulted in the East Main Street Corridor Plan which aimed to “create a long-range vision for enhancing the Corridor's overall land use” and “create a set of practical implementation actions for achieving the Plan's goals and objectives”. In implementing this plan, Danville plans to transform the area into a mixed-use commercial/retail corridor with improved linkages to the Downtown, Danville Community College campus, and Danville Veterans Affairs facility, while stabilizing the surrounding residential neighborhoods. This effort has the complete focus and full support of the City administration, business community, and community residents. This brownfields grant will help give it the momentum to move forward, and towards the end goal of creating a vibrant, sustainable community. The adjacent East Fairchild Industrial corridor was once a hub of industrial activity, but now much of the area is underutilized or abandoned. Danville plans to repurpose much of the corridor into warehousing/office park uses which would benefit the adjacent neighborhoods. The intent of this approach is to create a transformative impact in an area where Danville already is concentrating other funding, including Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Neighborhood Stabilization, and Illinois DOT funds. This approach will focus on assessing the unique needs of each neighborhood, building capacity and stability within the community, and fostering neighborhood involvement and support. Actively engaging community and neighborhood groups including the Oaklawn-Fairweight Neighborhood Association, Danville Area Community College, DACC Foundation, and Keep Vermilion County Beautiful will be an important part of Danville's brownfields strategy. While the East Main and East Fairchild Street Corridors make up the Target Area for this grant, Danville remains open to other opportunities that arise and will use brownfields funds to advance assessment, cleanup, and redevelopment of sites not yet identified or inventoried. Danville's work plan for this project will include four tasks: Programmatic Activities; Community Outreach; Site Assessments; and Cleanup/Reuse Planning. The major objectives, outputs, and outcomes for each task are included in Table 5 below:

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TABLE 5: PROJECT OBJECTIVES, OUTPUTS AND OUTCOMES

TASK	OBJECTIVES	OUTPUTS	OUTCOMES
Task 1: Programmatic Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordinate with EPA • Complete quarterly / annual reports • Attend brownfields conference • Conduct operational meetings • Update ACRES database • Maintain GIS database 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting minutes • Quarterly / annual reports • Conference notes • Agendas and minutes • ACRES database entries • GIS database layer 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Efficient project management • Documentation of progress • Increased program knowledge • Efficient project management • Accurate / timely data for EPA • Ready data for City use
Task 2: Community Outreach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct community meetings • Provide information and education 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting agendas and minutes • Fact sheets, web / social media posts, etc. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More informed & educated stakeholders • Increased program buy-in
Task 3: Environmental Site Assessments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct Phase I ESAs • Complete program-wide QAPP and HASP • Complete site-specific QAPP, HASP and SAP • Complete Phase II ESAs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phase I ESA Reports • QAPP and HASP • Site-specific QAPP and HASP addenda; SAPs • Phase II ESA Reports 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Knowledge of RECs; AAI compliance • Safe, efficient, reliable assessments • Targeted & focused Phase II ESAs • Characterization of contamination; AAI compliance
Task 4: Cleanup Planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct cleanup planning • Enroll sites in IEPA SRP and LUST programs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ROR / RAPs • DRM1; Enrollment Forms; IEPA correspondence 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sites ready for cleanup / reuse • More efficient activities through 3rd party oversight

Danville staff will be responsible for day-to-day grant operations including: updating and maintaining the brownfields inventory; seeking input from the community; selecting sites for assessment; working with property owners; and tracking program progress. Danville also will be responsible for overseeing contractual work and submitting required reports to EPA. Danville's Brownfield Advisory Committee (BAC), made up of representatives partnering community-based organizations, as well as other community leaders, will be tasked with overseeing brownfields work and providing input on site prioritization, marketing brownfields, educating the community, and fostering public participation.

After being awarded an assessment grant, Danville will prepare a draft Work Plan (WP) with input from the community, and coordinate a public announcement of the grant award and proposed work. After EPA approval of the WP, Danville will establish project financial accounting and reporting systems, and begin the process for retention of a qualified environmental professional (QEP) in compliance with applicable federal procurement regulations. The QEP will assist with grant management, perform the assessment work and cleanup/reuse planning, and assist with community outreach and programmatic activities. The QEP will prepare a Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) and Health and Safety Plan (HASP) for review and approval by EPA. As sites are selected and access obtained, Danville will prepare and submit eligibility determination requests to the EPA (hazardous substances sites) and Illinois EPA (petroleum sites). Upon securing agency approval, Danville staff will work with the QEP to design an environmental assessment plan that addresses the key issues and maximizes community benefit. As grant work progresses, Danville will select additional priority sites to assess and will integrate other high-risk and developable sites identified by the community into the work. Environmental assessment activities typically begin with a Phase I Environmental Site Assessment (ESA). Phase I ESAs will be compliant with All Appropriate Inquiry (AAI) and conducted according to the requirements of ASTM Standard E1527-13 for investigating current, historical, and regulatory issues associated with the site and proximate properties to identify recognized environmental conditions that may indicate the presence of contamination. If a Phase I ESA identifies Recognized Environmental Conditions (RECS), the QEP will complete a Sampling & Analysis Plan (SAP), and site-specific addenda to the project QAPP and HASP. Once these documents receive agency approval, the QEP will direct a Phase II ESA in accordance with ASTM Standard E1903-11 to investigate areas of potential environmental impact. Assessment data will help determine the nature and extent of contamination; evaluate exposure pathways; and conduct cleanup planning to determine appropriate remediation strategies. The QEP will work with Danville to develop liability management, cleanup, and site reuse strategies that support redevelopment efforts and improve the health of residents and the environment. After completion of initial ESA activities, remedial investigations may be needed to further define the nature and extent of contamination and design environmental response actions for cleanup and safe site reuse. Contaminated sites may be enrolled in

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the Illinois Site Remediation Program (SRP). Participants in the SRP voluntarily cleanup sites and receive IEPA approval and release from further responsibility by way of a No Further Remediation (NFR) letter. The IEPA will be asked to review and comment on site cleanup plans prior to implementation.

ii. Timing and Implementation

Danville is prepared to execute all elements of the Work Plan within a three-year period of performance. Table 6 below contains a timeline of the major components of the work plan, demonstrating Danville's plan to successfully complete the work of the grant by September 2020.

TABLE 6: PROJECT TIMING												
TASK	Q 1	Q 2	Q 3	Q 4	Q 1	Q 2	Q 3	Q 4	Q 1	Q 2	Q 3	Q 4
Task 1: Programmatic Activities												
Procurement – QEP												
Review and update Inventory												
Quarterly Reports												
Annual Reports												
Task 2: Community Outreach												
Convene BRAC												
Community Meetings												
Update Inventory and Priorities												
Brownfields Fact Sheets/ACRES/GIS database updates												
Social media and website updates												
Task 3: Site Assessments												
Site Eligibility Determination Requests												
Community-wide QAPP and HASP												
Phase I ESAs (including securing site access)												
Site-specific QAPP and HASP addenda												
Phase II ESAs												
Task 4: Cleanup and Reuse Planning												
Cleanup and reuse planning												
Enrollment in IEPA Site Remediation Program												

a. Contractor Procurement: The City will retain qualified environmental consultants to conduct the assessment work. The City uses an open and broadly advertised procurement process that is consistent with 40 CFR 31.36 to select their consultants.

b. Site Inventory: As mentioned earlier, the City of Danville has already compiled and created a Brownfields Inventory of 105 sites, however, there may be as many as 250 sites throughout the City that meet the EPA definition of a brownfield. This existing inventory will be utilized when these grant funds are awarded.

c. Obtaining and Securing Sites: The City of Danville will make it a priority to assess sites where access is not an issue, and most, if not all, of the sites that will be assessed will be controlled by willing owners. Site access is considered as a selection criteria in the City's inventory process, and should not serve as a barrier to completing the grant in time. However, in the event that a contaminated property poses an imminent health threat, the City does have the authority to gain access.

b. Task Descriptions and Budget Table

i. Task Descriptions

Task 1 - Programmatic Costs: The budget includes programmatic costs of \$2,000 total, \$1,000 each for Petroleum and Hazardous Substances grant funds. Travel costs of \$1000 from each Petroleum and Hazardous Substances budget will allow for one City representative to attend the 2017 US EPA National Brownfields Conference. Danville will provide in-kind staff resources to maintain Brownfields information within the City's GIS System, and to coordinate with the qualified environmental consultant on site prioritization and selection. *Outputs for this task include quarterly reports, annual financial reports, DBE reports, final grant report, GIS database files, and ACRES entries.*

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Task 2 - Community Outreach: The City will continue to encourage and facilitate community involvement in the development of the strategic plan for reuse of the identified brownfield properties. Because Brownfields Projects are partnerships between the private and public sectors, industrial, financial and community representatives will benefit from the collaborative planning regarding potential investment and development opportunities. These include a total of \$3,475 contractual costs to be used to conduct community involvement and outreach programs and meetings. The costs for this budget item will be \$1,700 for the Petroleum budget and \$2,175 for the Hazardous Substances budget. This task will include preparing, printing, mailing project information and marketing documents, press releases, developing and updating fact sheets, and maintaining outreach to citizens through social media and our website, of which \$400 in supplies is included in the budget, and split between the Hazardous Substances and Petroleum budgets evenly (\$200 each). The City will work with their community partners to ensure that the public remains informed and involved. *Outputs for this task include marketing documents, press releases, fact sheets, social media and website posts, and meeting minutes.*

Task 3 - Site Assessments: Based on previous inventory rankings and community needs, priority sites will be evaluated through Phase I and Phase II Environmental Site Assessments (ESAs). The assessments will be conducted in compliance with requirements of All Appropriate Inquiry as well as applicable ASTM standards and practices. This task includes budget estimates of \$117,300 for Petroleum and \$118,825 for Hazardous Substances. The costs for completing Phase I and Phase II ESAs can vary depending on the complexity of the sites. Based on past grant funded assessments, it is anticipated that Phase I ESA costs will range from \$3,500 - \$4,000 and Phase II ESAs will range from \$15,000 to \$30,000 per site. The City anticipates that approximately 15 sites will experience Phase I ESAs at an average cost of \$3,890. The proposed budget for Phase I ESA activities include \$26,950 for Petroleum and \$31,400 for Hazardous Substances. The City anticipates conducting at least 6 to 8 Phase II ESAs at sites to supplement the Phase I ESAs where Recognized Environmental Conditions were identified. Since the City is anticipating conducting up to 6 Phase II ESAs at an estimated cost of \$29,629 per site, a total Phase II budget of approximately \$177,775 is proposed (\$90,350 Petroleum and \$87,425 Hazardous Substances). The assessments will determine the contaminants present, contaminant levels, and if any immediate threats persist. The results of the Phase II ESAs work will be compared to Illinois EPA's established cleanup objectives to evaluate detected contaminants through human exposure pathways. Health and Safety and Sampling Analysis Plans (HASPs and SAPs) will be prepared for all Phase II ESA activities. A Quality Assurance Project Plan will also be prepared by the contracted Brownfields consultant in accordance with US EPA's guidelines. *Outputs for this task include Phase I ESAs, a QAPP, site-specific QAPP updates, HASPs, SAPs, Phase II ESAs, and Illinois SRP enrollment and review documents.*

Task 4 - Cleanup & Reuse Planning: Cleanup and redevelopment planning will be conducted as needed for properties where redevelopment is imminent and such activities will facilitate redevelopment. A total of \$58,000 is estimated for cleanup planning costs. This task is anticipated to include the evaluation, designing and documentation of environmental responses or engineering and institutional controls necessary to protect public health during the redevelopment and future use of the brownfield sites. The Petroleum budget anticipates contractual costs of \$20,000 which is based on completing cleanup planning at 2 sites at an average cost of \$10,000 each. The Hazardous Substances budget anticipates contractual costs of \$20,000 which is based on completing cleanup planning at 2 sites at an average cost of \$10,000 each. If contamination is identified, the City will seek to enroll the impacted sites in the Illinois EPA's SRP for further investigation and remedial planning. Therefore, a budget of \$10,000 Petroleum and \$8,000 Hazardous Substances has been estimated for Illinois EPA's project management oversight site fees associated with the voluntary clean-up program. *Outputs for this task include Remedial Action Plans and Site Remediation Program/Leaking Underground Storage Tank program enrollment, and Illinois SRP enrollment and review documents.*

ii. Budget Table

TABLE 7: PETROLEUM ASSESSMENT BUDGET - \$150,000					
Budget Categories	Task 1 Programmatic Costs	Task 2 Community Outreach	Task 3 Site Assessments	Task 4 Cleanup & Reuse Planning	Total Budget
Personnel					0
Travel	\$1,000				\$1,000

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Supplies		\$200			\$200
Contractual		\$1,500	\$117,300	\$30,000	\$148,800
Sub-Total	\$1,000	\$1,700	\$117,300	\$30,000	\$150,000
TABLE 8: HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES ASSESSMENT BUDGET - \$150,000					
Budget Categories	Task 1 Programmatic Costs	Task 2 Community Outreach	Task 3 Site Assessments	Task 4 Cleanup & Reuse Planning	Total Budget
Personnel					0
Travel	\$1,000				\$1,000
Supplies		\$200			\$200
Contractual		\$1,975	\$118,825	\$28,000	\$148,800
Sub-Total	\$1,000	\$2,175	\$118,825	\$28,000	\$150,000
Combined Total	\$2,000	\$3,875	\$236,125	\$58,000	\$300,000

c. Ability to Leverage: This assessment grant will be a catalyst for brownfields redevelopment projects because it will cover site assessment costs needed to support liability management, project design, and cleanup and reuse planning. This alone is rarely sufficient to ensure a successful redevelopment, which is why Danville will leverage the resources indicated below to maximize the benefits of this grant. Supplemental capital in many forms will be needed to make redevelopment economically feasible. Table 9 below lists the various sources and uses of leverage Danville will use in its brownfields program. Letters committing leverage funds are included in Attachment D to this narrative.

TABLE 9: SOURCES AND USES OF LEVERAGE		
Source of Funds	Use of Funds	Amount
City of Danville – in-kind services	BF Assessment Grant Work Plan	\$30,000
City of Danville – CDBG funds	East Main Corridor Improvements; Façade Grants	\$798,600
City of Danville – HUD Section 108 Loan	Corridor Infrastructure – anticipated 2016 application	\$1-\$1.5 million
Vermilion County Health Department	Serve on BAC; outreach; education on public health	\$2,500
Vermilion Advantage	Outreach; data; liaise with developers/owners	\$4,000
Keep Vermilion County Beautiful	Outreach; education; small matching grants	\$12,000
Danville Area Community College	Community outreach	\$1,500
School District 118	Community education; meeting space	\$1,500
Downtown Danville	Outreach, advocacy, serve on BAC	\$2,000
Danville Property Tax Abatements	Tax abatements as redevelopment incentives	Varies based on project
City of Danville Tax Increment Financing	Redevelopment incentives	Varies based on project
Municipal Bonds	Redevelopment financing	Varies based on project
EPA Brownfields Cleanup and Revolving Loan Fund Grants	Environmental Cleanup	Varies based on project
Illinois EPA Office of Site Evaluation – in-kind services	Site Assessments	Varies based on project
Historic Tax Credits	Federal tax credits for historic renovation projects	Varies based on project
New Market Tax Credits	Federal tax credit to help spur redevelopment in low-income and impoverished communities	Varies based on project

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Enterprise Zone	Property tax abatements and tax credits to encourage growth in economically distressed areas	Varies based on project
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3: COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND PARTNERSHIPS:

a. Engaging the Community

i. Community Involvement Plan: Community involvement efforts are an essential component of Danville’s approach to brownfields redevelopment. Through management of other federal and state funded grant and redevelopment programs, Danville has developed processes and "infrastructure" to meaningfully involve citizens, civic organizations, and communities in the decision making process. Upon announcement of the EPA grant award, Danville will announce the award to the public through various outlets. City staff will make presentations at City Council meetings, to the local community, and to environmental organizations to describe the assessment grant and brownfield redevelopment programs, address questions and concerns, and solicit community ideas and feedback. Danville uses multiple notification outlets (website, newspaper, library, radio, flyers, outreach through community organizations, and direct contact) and media (internet, radio, email, direct contact, and published flyers for direct contact) to provide communication to the widest possible audience, and to address disparities in technology access and proficiency, literacy levels, and language. The goal is to ensure that people with the highest potential to be impacted by brownfields have the opportunity to participate in open communication about Danville’s brownfields program. Although Danville has a relatively small population of people who speak English “less than well” (see Section 1), the City will ensure that Spanish speakers have access to community outreach materials and events through translators and Spanish language printed materials.

During the early post-award period, Danville’s community input will be focused on the draft Work Plan and final budget. City staff will make drafts available to the public for review and comment. Danville will make copies of the draft Work Plan and budget available on the City’s website, in local government offices and at the Danville Public Library to ensure access for those without information technology availability, knowledge, or experience. In addition, Danville will provide copies of the draft Work Plan to community and neighborhood organizations for their review and comment. Individuals will be able to make comments in writing or verbally. Once the comment period ends, staff will modify the draft Work Plan as appropriate in response to relevant comments and will summarize all comments and responses in the final Work Plan. Following EPA’s approval of the Work Plan, Danville will seek public input regarding prioritization of the site inventory. Building on prior work, the City will host two public open houses to acquaint community leaders, lenders, developers, citizen groups, and other stakeholders with the goals and objectives; to solicit nominations of additional brownfields; and to gather input for prioritization. Danville will incorporate sites nominated by citizens or community organizations into the inventory. Danville staff will hold subsequent public meetings when specific sites are selected for assessment and at other pivotal points in the project. The City will hold these meetings at times and locations convenient to the public and accessible to those with disabilities, most likely either at city offices or other facilities closer to the specific sites, perhaps on the Danville Area Community College Campus, which is located in the heart of the Target Area. If requested, Danville staff will attend community organization meetings to discuss the work and/or specific site assessments. The Brownfield Advisory Committee (BAC) will continue to meet on a regular basis. These meetings will be open to the public with advance public notice provided. The BAC includes representatives of partnering community based organizations including Vermilion Advantage, the Vermilion County Health Department, the Danville Area Board of Realtors, and the Danville Neighborhood Association Leadership Council, as well as other community leaders. Following completion of individual site assessments, Danville staff will inform surrounding property owners and other local stakeholders about assessment activities. The Danville staff also will provide results of the site assessment and explain health and environmental impacts of findings. Danville staff will rely on the Vermilion County Health Department to assist in communicating health concerns. When the City initiates cleanup and/or reuse planning for a site, staff will pursue more intensive involvement activities suitable to the nature of the site activities. At the close of the grant, Danville staff will hold a final public meeting to notify the community of the successes and challenges faced during the project, discuss next steps in Danville’s brownfields program, and request comments regarding interest in pursuing additional brownfields work and funding.

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ii. Communicating Progress: Danville understands the importance of not only communicating progress of the project to community members, but also providing the opportunity for residents and other stakeholders to weigh in on next steps. To that end, Danville will host community meetings at least four times during the grant period, with a focus on soliciting community involvement on the following project components and at key decision points: brownfields inventory and site priorities; site reuse plans; site cleanup plans; area redevelopment plans; and current and future brownfields project funding. Reaching out to diverse communities and stakeholders always is a challenge. So many media exist today, and methods that once were successful, like traditional print media and radio, often fall far short of reaching a diverse audience – and particularly the types of sensitive populations often found in brownfields communities. Because of that, Danville is committed to reaching out in multiple ways, including press releases to local print, radio and TV; flyers distributed to community organizations and faith-based groups; direct mail in target areas; website updates; social media posts; City Council meetings; local organization membership communications; and more.

b. Partnerships with Government Agencies

i. Local/State/Tribal Environmental Authority: USEPA has been an invaluable partner to Danville in our brownfields efforts. A \$400,000 FY2010 USEPA Brownfields Assessment Grant enabled Danville to accomplish a great deal of assessment and cleanup planning, and facilitated property transactions and site redevelopment and reuse. In addition, a USEPA technical assistance grant targeted at distressed communities enabled Danville to develop a plan for infill development. Danville has a strong and productive relationship with the IEPA. Danville has previously partnered with the IEPA Office of Site Evaluation (OSE) to carryout assessment activities. The IEPA has published substantial guidance for the brownfields assessments and remedial actions under the Illinois Site Remediation Program (SRP). The SRP also provides guidance for protecting public health and the environment through use of institutional and engineering controls. The IEPA also will be involved in the project when property is transferred to developers for construction of site components. New owners of contaminated property can get protection from liability for existing contamination by ensuring that a No Further Remediation (NFR) letter has been issued for the property. This NFR letter will explain historic impact and establish a method for distinguishing existing contamination from a new release for which they may be liable, as well as explain any terms and conditions for the property.

ii. Other Government Partnerships: The partnership between Vermilion County Health Department (VCHD), and Danville plays a key role in the success of Danville's brownfield program. The VCHD and Danville have partnered in the past on various projects, including lead risk assessment and lead poisoning testing, as well as private potable water source identification and protection. More recently, Danville and VCHD have partnered on brownfield work including site identification and prioritization. This partnership between Danville and Vermilion County is helping to foster a long-term regional approach to brownfield redevelopment. VCHD helps Danville identify potential target sites to assess and identify/verify off-site health threats, as well as related toxicological issues and perform risk evaluations. VCHD also is willing to assist Danville by distributing public health/environmental information to help inform the public. The VCHD has been actively involved in education, notification, and exposure evaluations related to environmental issues in the County. These capabilities will contribute to the effectiveness of community outreach. When contamination is present on brownfields, Danville will use the cleanup criteria established by IEPA and/or USEPA to evaluate and address health and environmental threats. If contamination on the sites has potential to negatively impact the health of local populations through migration to off-site receptors, the City will notify both IEPA and VCHD and request their participation as project partners. Examples of such could include discovery of the following: 1) high concentrations of lead or other contaminants in surface soils (potential inhalation via airborne distribution of particulates); or 2) groundwater contaminated with chlorinated solvents migrating off-site at concentrations posing a vapor intrusion inhalation risk. VCHD also stands able and willing to coordinate health testing if assessment activities confirm contaminant migration from a brownfield.

City of Danville and Danville School District #118 (DSD) currently are working together on several projects to benefit the community, including the redevelopment of the area around Danville High School. A number of vacant and blighted properties currently exist around the high school campus. DSD has pledged its support in cleaning up the high school area and through the use of its facilities for meetings and also will be assisting with public education and outreach. As demonstration of their commitment to the target area, DSD recently acquired a vacant former private school along East Main and rehabilitated it and converted it to a special education center at a cost to DSD in excess of \$600,000. They also plan

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to invest significant funds in the High School campus in the near future, although cost estimates are not yet available. Danville Area Community College (DACC) is located along the East Main Street corridor near many brownfield sites. DACC has pledged to continue to work with local entities to refine and implement training programs to prepare workers for the skills needed to assist in community development areas including brownfields. DACC also will host public meetings in its facilities and will assist in disseminating information including posting notices/distributing flyers in support of the project. Finally, the Veterans Affairs Administration is a key partner in Danville's brownfields plans for the Target Area. The VA is planning a significant investment in the Illiana Veterans Affairs Facility, located in the East Main Street Corridor, which will serve US Veterans throughout the entire region while it serves as an anchor redevelopment in this key Danville corridor.

c. Partnerships with Community Organizations

i. Community Organization Description and Role: Danville already has engaged many community-based organizations and stakeholders. The organizations listed below are key project partners for this effort. When Danville selects individual sites for grant-funded assessments, staff will reach out to the surrounding neighborhood to identify neighborhood groups, faith-based, and other community organizations to partner with in order to help coordinate the project/site-specific community engagement activities. The Vermilion County Health Department also submitted a Letter of Support and commitment of leveraged funds, and although they are not a grass-roots organization, their pledge of support illustrates the importance of this project to the community.

- **Vermilion Advantage (VA)** - VA is a not-for-profit business development organization with a focus on keeping the retail base strong; grooming future leaders; and connecting and recruiting young professionals to the Danville area. VA has pledged to continue to be involved as a member of the BAC; to assist with data collection and site selection; and to provide public outreach and advocacy to the business community. VA also will identify developers and provide them assistance to facilitate redevelopment of sites.
- **Keep Vermilion County Beautiful, Inc. (KVCB)** – KVCB is a non-profit organization that works with the community to promote a cleaner and healthier environment. By forging partnerships with the public and private sectors, KVCB focuses on litter prevention, education, and beautification. KVCB has pledged to help educate the community on the health/environmental impacts of brownfields and support the project by publishing and posting meeting notices and informational flyers.
- **Downtown Danville Inc. (DDI)** – DDI is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to the revitalization, promotion, and redevelopment of Danville's downtown core. DDI has pledged to be an active member of the BAC and is willing to provide public outreach and advocacy and meeting space, if needed.
- **Danville Area Community College (DACC)** – DACC has collaborated with Danville for many years, most recently on the redevelopment plan for the East Main Street Corridor. DACC will assist with outreach and advocacy efforts on behalf of the diverse citizen and stakeholder groups affected. In addition, the City will utilize their blossoming workforce development program as needed.
- **Danville School District #118** – The Danville School District is an important partner in this project, doing all that they can to ensure that areas around the schools are safe, secure, and free of any environmental hazards. They will allow the use of their facilities for outreach meetings, and will assist in the outreach and advocacy efforts of the project.

ii. Letters of Commitment: Please see Attachment E to this narrative for letters from community organizations discussing their support for the project and affirming their roles and commitments.

d. Partnerships with Workforce Development Programs: Danville Area Community College has a blossoming workforce development program that is supported by both the City and by Vermilion Advantage. This program is designed to prepare area residents to fill the types of jobs projected to be found in Danville going forward, with the aim of keeping young talent in the community. This program now includes areas of specialization in various aspects of community development and in the construction trades. Persons going through this program can benefit from hiring preferences by both the City and by local contractors. The City will work with this workforce development program as needed on the project.

4: PROJECT BENEFITS:

a. Welfare, Environmental, and Public Health Benefits: Danville will realize immediate benefits from a community-wide assessment grant. By providing funds not available from other budget sources,

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the grant will allow Danville to proceed with plans to catalyze and support revitalization of targeted areas. Brownfield redevelopment will reduce threats to human health and the environment; improve the appeal of the community; restore properties to productive, job-creating, tax-generating uses; and protect waterways, agricultural land, open space, and greenspace. The assessment grant will allow Danville to take an active role in protecting its residents from environmental threats, in improving the habitats of Danville's rivers and other natural resources, and directing economic investment to previously developed land and infrastructure, thereby preventing urban sprawl, conserving resources, preserving its agricultural, open lands and natural resources, and minimizing additional commuting by its residents. Promoting development in areas already served by adequate infrastructure is critical for this budget-challenged City. The "Danville 2025" Comprehensive Plan and the East Main Street Corridor Plan serve as a road map for development. These Plans help to guide the redevelopment of previously poorly planned areas of the community and has a stated vision to enhance development options, improve the quality of life and the environment for City residents, and to allow Danville to use scarce local resources more efficiently. The presence of numerous brownfield sites in close proximity to sensitive populations (as discussed in Section 1.b), vacant and underutilized properties in Danville, and potential contamination migrating to the drinking water supply, are all impeding progress toward the vision of Danville. With an assessment grant, Danville will be able to stimulate redevelopment and lay the foundation for substantial health and welfare, economic and environmental benefits to the community.

Brownfields redevelopment will begin controlling exposures to and migration of contamination, thereby improving the health and welfare of both residents and the environment. The cleanup of these properties paves the way for their reuse, reducing the number of vacant and underused commercial and industrial properties while providing developable land that can be used for the needs identified in Section 1. Brownfield redevelopment also will promote much needed economic growth by creating jobs and increasing tax revenues. The assessment and redevelopment of contaminated sites removes threats and eliminates exposures, critical steps for protecting the sensitive populations identified in Section 1.b and the general public. Because these sites are located in or directly adjoin residential neighborhoods, reductions in health and welfare threats will be directly beneficial to disproportionately affected members of vulnerable populations, helping to address the environmental justice issues these sites can present. Redevelopment of these sites exemplifies the equitable development principles of utilizing new investment in economically disadvantaged neighborhoods in a way that directly benefits the residents. Specific health and welfare benefits associated with redevelopment of the priority sites noted in Section 1.b is summarized in Table 10.

TABLE 10: HEALTH AND WELFARE BENEFITS – PRIORITY SITES

Site	Health and Welfare Benefits
Former Golden Sun Feeds 628 E Fairchild St	Removal of an unsecured blighted building eliminates a safety hazard to the student population located nearby. Impacted soil and groundwater will be identified and remediated to limit vapor intrusion and inhalation concerns. Location makes redevelopment of the site for commercial/light industrial use very attainable once contamination has been addressed.
Former Textile Factory 1513 Factory St	Removal of an abandoned building eliminates a safety hazard to nearby residents. Impacted soil and groundwater will be identified and remediated to limit vapor intrusion and inhalation concerns. Extent of contamination will be known and necessary cleanup can begin so the property can be sold and redeveloped. Location amenities make redevelopment of the site for commercial/light industrial use realistic once contamination has been addressed.
Former Bottling Facility 1405 E Main St	Hazardous materials (i.e. asbestos) will be identified and abated. Impacted soil and groundwater will be identified and remediated to limit vapor intrusion and inhalation concerns. Cleanup of this site would allow for its reuse as an anchor to a new commercial district.
Former Service Station Site 1015 E Main St	Presence of underground storage tanks will be determined. Impacted soil and groundwater will be identified and remediated to limit vapor intrusion and inhalation concerns to nearby residents.

The redevelopment of brownfields will address those direct and indirect threats to the environment by improving soil and groundwater quality and limiting uncontrolled nonpoint source pollution and illicit discharges from reaching the area waterways. This will reduce contaminants and protect the area's drinking water supply while also preserving recreational opportunities.

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b. Economic and Community Benefits: Redevelopment is essential to Danville's economic revitalization and future growth. Brownfields redevelopment facilitated by assessment grant funds will result in direct economic benefits for residents in affected neighborhoods, and the City as a whole, through creation of job opportunities, improved economic activity, and growth in the tax base. Danville has experienced the effects of the most recent economic recession and can attest to the challenges it has created, including an increase in the number of job losses and business closures since 2008. This grant would benefit the community because it will set the course for the cleanup of brownfields, eliminate blight, and return properties to productive use. This will mean new investment and new business that will offer employment opportunities to local residents and will increase Danville's tax base. Danville staff anticipates that redevelopment of the priority sites in Section 1.b could create as many as 75 new jobs, increase the cumulative property value of those sites by as much as \$1.2 million, and increase annual tax revenues by \$70-80,000. Increased tax revenues would allow Danville to improve the provision of critical services, increase economic development opportunities and provide additional resources to address more brownfields. Residents in the targeted area will benefit directly because they will once again have access to nearby jobs and retail services. Danville hopes to replace as many of the previously lost higher paying manufacturing jobs as possible by attracting new businesses to the cleaned up and redeveloped brownfield sites.

This assessment and redevelopment project also will help protect and develop parks/green space, protect and restore waterways, support reuse of existing infrastructure, and promote sustainable development in accordance with the goals and objectives of the Comprehensive Plan, including 1) incorporation of smart growth / sustainable growth design principles; 2) use of vacant, underdeveloped and re-developable land for which urban services are readily available; 3) full-scale redevelopment of severely blighted and deteriorated neighborhoods; 4) redevelopment of vacant and abandoned properties to return them to productive use and generate additional tax revenue; and 5) preserve natural resources and environmentally sensitive areas. Danville plans to expand its existing brownfields program to revitalize and transform brownfields. Within "Danville 2025"⁷ - the Danville Comprehensive Plan - and Danville's East Main Street Corridor Plan - the community has identified the cleanup and redevelopment of brownfields as a key component of economic recovery and future growth. Previous brownfield redevelopment efforts have focused on the Downtown area and the neighborhoods to the North of the Downtown. Those efforts have resulted in twelve sites being assessed and eight of those sites being redeveloped and reused. A \$400,000 brownfields assessment grant awarded in 2010 funded much of the work. Those grant dollars leveraged over \$1 million in other funding. This proposed assessment grant would provide the funds needed to evaluate additional brownfields in two high priority redevelopment corridors and to work to control the exposure to and migration of contamination from those sites, thereby improving the health and welfare of Danville's residents and the environment. Without assistance from the USEPA, the community lacks resources to effectively address the blight, potential contamination, and bleak redevelopment potential of the community's 100+ brownfields.

5: PROGRAMMATIC CAPABILITY AND PAST PERFORMANCE:

a. Audit Findings: Danville has had no adverse audit findings in the last ten years. Danville has not received any adverse audit findings from an OMB Circular A-133 audit, an audit conducted by a Federal, State, Tribal, or local government inspector or similar organization.

b. Programmatic Capability: Danville has previously received an assessment grant, and stands ready to administer another assessment grant when awarded. Danville will dedicate and maintain a grant management team during the entire grant period. Danville's Urban Services Division will manage the grant and report to EPA. The Division has an experienced staff that understands grant procedures and requirements associated with federal assistance agreements. Mr. Christopher Milliken, Planning Manager for Danville, will be the Project Manager. Mr. Milliken has worked for Danville for over 12 years and has been involved in the implementation and administration of grants throughout that time including the previous assessment grant. He wholeheartedly understands the importance of grant administration and timely recordkeeping. Danville's plan for management continuity in the event of personnel change relies on an experienced and readily available Project Manager on staff. Mr. David Schnelle is the Director of Danville's Urban Services Department and has administered other Federal and State grants in the past as well. Mr. Schnelle will be assisting Mr. Milliken with grant management and coordination from the

⁷ Danville comprehensive plan available at http://www.cityofdanville.org/uploads/6/7/5/0/6750232/public_development_comprehensive_plan_danville_2025.pdf.

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beginning, and thus could immediately step in as Project Manager, if needed. Mr. Schnelle has been with Danville for over 10 years and has designed and administered numerous public works improvement projects in that time period. The environmental consultant retained to manage the technical aspects of the Project will be retained using a qualifications-based selection process in accordance with the applicable procurement regulations (40 CFR §31.36). The consultant will have extensive experience with: EPA assessment grant management; Phase I and Phase II environmental assessments; Illinois voluntary cleanup program (SRP), and leveraging other state grant or loan programs.

c. Measuring Environmental Results: Anticipated Outputs/Outcomes: Danville will create an electronic database for this project to track the following outcomes and outputs shown in Table 11.

TABLE 11: PROJECT OUTCOMES AND OUTPUTS	
Outcomes	Outputs
Number of sites identified with off-site risks	15 Phase I ESAs
Number of response actions at identified sites	6-8 Phase II ESAs
Number of sites redeveloped and amount of investment	Cleanup planning (ROR/RAPs, site reuse plans)
Number of new jobs created and amount of tax revenue generated	Illinois SRP enrollments
Number of acres redeveloped/reused	Community outreach events

d. Past Performance and Accomplishments

i. Currently or Has Ever Received an EPA Brownfields Grant: Danville is a previous recipient of a FY2010 USEPA Brownfields Community-wide Assessment Grant (BF 00E00878-0). That assessment grant was utilized to create a brownfield site inventory and conduct assessments to facilitate redevelopment in a targeted area that included Downtown Danville and mixed use neighborhoods on the north side of the Downtown along Vermilion Street. Danville successfully performed all components of that grant Work Plan, has closed out the grant, and continues its commitment to brownfields through modest investments of City funding in brownfields activities.

1. Accomplishments

With the first assessment grant, the City of Danville accomplished a great deal, including 1) creation and maintenance of a detailed brownfields inventory that currently contains information on 105 sites; 2) completion of 12 Phase I ESAs and 7 Phase II ESAs; 3) enrolling 2 sites in the Illinois SRP; 4) completing 2 remedial action plans; and 5) hosting 13 community outreach events. These activities have resulted in the sale of 8 sites, the redevelopment of 4 sites, and the reuse of 4 other sites. This has translated into 5 new businesses in the community and 18 new full time jobs for the community. Danville managed to leverage \$111,373 in public and \$361,000 in private funds against the \$400,000 in USEPA assessment funds. The grant funding has also been assisted by the IEPA Office of Site Evaluation who has provided its resources to carryout assessment activities, thereby allowing Danville's grant funds to be stretched further. The investments in these brownfields have now been leveraged by more than \$190,000 in local incentives that have been provided for redevelopment activities and over \$900,000 of private investment. Danville is requesting an additional assessment grant because there are many identified brownfield sites still remaining in the community that, due to real or perceived contamination, are presently vacant or underutilized. Over 100 brownfield sites remain in Danville's inventory. The previous grant focused specifically on brownfields in and around the downtown area, while this new grant would cover a different area of the community including an old industrial corridor and a heavily traveled but economically disadvantaged commercial corridor.

2. Compliance with Grant Requirements

Danville was able to receive approval of the draft Work Plan for the grant on the first attempt and had no problems meeting the schedule and the terms and conditions of the Cooperative Agreement. One 6 month time extension was requested and granted due to unforeseen delays scheduling the drilling contractor and gaining site access. Danville submitted all required quarterly reports, annual reports, and final reports for the grant on time and EPA has approved all reports. In addition, Danville made all required inputs into the ACRES database in a timely manner. This grant was successfully closed out in early 2015.

ATTACHMENT A:

THRESHOLD CRITERIA

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THRESHOLD CRITERIA

1. Applicant Eligibility: The City of Danville is a General Purpose Unit of Local Government and an incorporated municipality of the State of Illinois. The City of Danville has the authority to enter into a cooperative agreement with the United States Environmental Protection Agency.

2. Community Involvement: Involving the community of the City of Danville and soliciting feedback regarding Brownfields activities and redevelopment plans are essential to Danville's Brownfields Program's success. Communication is a two-way process, and the City's ultimate goal is to keep the community informed and involved so they remain aware of potential concerns, questions, and solutions. The City of Danville's Community Involvement Plan is laid out below:

Community Involvement Plan: Community involvement efforts are an essential component of Danville's approach to brownfields redevelopment. Through management of other federal and state funded grant and redevelopment programs, Danville has developed processes and "infrastructure" to meaningfully involve citizens, civic organizations, and communities in the decision making process. Upon announcement of the EPA grant award, Danville will announce the award to the public through various outlets. City staff will make presentations at City Council meetings, to the local community, and to environmental organizations to describe the assessment grant and brownfield redevelopment programs, address questions and concerns, and solicit community ideas and feedback. Danville uses multiple notification outlets (website, newspaper, library, radio, flyers, outreach through community organizations, and direct contact) and media (internet, radio, email, direct contact, and published flyers for direct contact) to provide communication to the widest possible audience, and to address disparities in technology access and proficiency, literacy levels, and language. The goal is to ensure that people with the highest potential to be impacted by brownfields have the opportunity to participate in open communication about Danville's brownfields program. Although Danville has a relatively small population of people who speak English "less than well" (see Section 1), the City will ensure that Spanish speakers have access to community outreach materials and events through translators and Spanish language printed materials.

During the early post-award period, Danville's community input will be focused on the draft Work Plan and final budget. City staff will make drafts available to the public for review and comment. Danville will make copies of the draft Work Plan and budget available on the City's website, in local government offices and at the Danville Public Library to ensure access for those without information technology availability, knowledge, or experience. In addition, Danville will provide copies of the draft Work Plan to community and neighborhood organizations for their review and comment. Individuals will be able to make comments in writing or verbally. Once the comment period ends, staff will modify the draft Work Plan as appropriate in response to relevant comments and will summarize all comments and responses in the final Work Plan. Following EPA's approval of the Work Plan, Danville will seek public input regarding prioritization of the site inventory. Building on prior work, the City will host two public open houses to acquaint community leaders, lenders, developers, citizen groups, and other stakeholders with the goals and objectives; to solicit nominations of additional brownfields; and to gather input for prioritization. Danville will incorporate sites nominated by citizens or community organizations into the inventory. Danville staff will hold subsequent public meetings when specific sites are selected for assessment and at other pivotal points in the project. The City will hold these meetings at times and locations convenient to the public and accessible to those with disabilities, most likely either at city offices or other facilities closer to the specific sites, perhaps on the Danville Area Community College Campus, which is located in the heart of the Target Area. If requested, Danville staff will attend community organization meetings to discuss the work and/or specific site assessments. The Brownfield Advisory Committee (BAC) will continue to meet on a regular basis. These meetings will be open to the public with advance public notice provided. The BAC includes representatives of partnering community based organizations including Vermilion Advantage, the Vermilion County Health Department, the

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Danville Area Board of Realtors, and the Danville Neighborhood Association Leadership Council, as well as other community leaders. Following completion of individual site assessments, Danville staff will inform surrounding property owners and other local stakeholders about assessment activities. The Danville staff also will provide results of the site assessment and explain health and environmental impacts of findings. Danville staff will rely on the Vermilion County Health Department to assist in communicating health concerns. When the City initiates cleanup and/or reuse planning for a site, staff will pursue more intensive involvement activities suitable to the nature of the site activities. At the close of the grant, Danville staff will hold a final public meeting to notify the community of the successes and challenges faced during the project, discuss next steps in Danville's brownfields program, and request comments regarding interest in pursuing additional brownfields work and funding.

Communicating Progress: Danville understands the importance of not only communicating progress of the project to community members, but also providing the opportunity for residents and other stakeholders to weigh in on next steps. To that end, Danville will host community meetings at least four times during the grant period, with a focus on soliciting community involvement on the following project components and at key decision points: brownfields inventory and site priorities; site reuse plans; site cleanup plans; area redevelopment plans; and current and future brownfields project funding. Reaching out to diverse communities and stakeholders always is a challenge. So many media exist today, and methods that once were successful, like traditional print media and radio, often fall far short of reaching a diverse audience – and particularly the types of sensitive populations often found in brownfields communities. Because of that, Danville is committed to reaching out in multiple ways, including press releases to local print, radio and TV; flyers distributed to community organizations and faith-based groups; direct mail in target areas; website updates; social media posts; City Council meetings; local organization membership communications; and more.

ATTACHMENT B:

REGIONAL PRIORITIES FORM and OTHER FACTORS CHECKLIST

Appendix 3 - Regional Priorities Form/Other Factors Checklist

Name of Applicant: City of Danville, Illinois

Regional Priorities Other Factor

If your proposed Brownfields Assessment project will advance the regional priority(ies) identified in Section I.F., please indicate the regional priority(ies) and the page number(s) for where the information can be found within your 15-page narrative. Only address the priority(ies) for the region in which your project is located. EPA will verify these disclosures prior to selection and may consider this information during the selection process. If this information is not clearly discussed in your narrative proposal, it will not be considered during the selection process.

Regional Priority Title(s):

Region 5: Coordinated Public Funding for Brownfields

Page Number(s): Pages 5, 9, 10, 11, 12, 15

Assessment Other Factors Checklist

Please identify (with an **X**) which, if any, of the below items apply to your community or your project as described in your proposal. To be considered for an Other Factor, you must include the page number where each applicable factor is discussed in your proposal. EPA will verify these disclosures prior to selection and may consider this information during the selection process. If this information is not clearly discussed in your narrative proposal or in any other attachments, it will not be considered during the selection process.

Other Factor	Page #
<i>None of the Other Factors are applicable.</i>	
Community population is 10,000 or less.	
Applicant is, or will assist, a federally recognized Indian tribe or United States territory.	
Target brownfield sites are impacted by mine-scarred land.	
Project is primarily focusing on Phase II assessments.	5, 6, 7, 8, 9
Applicant demonstrates firm leveraging commitments for facilitating brownfield project completion by identifying amounts and contributors of funding in the proposal and have included documentation.	9, 10, 12
Recent natural disaster(s) (2012 or later) occurred within community, causing significant community economic and environmental distress.	
Recent (2008 or later) significant economic disruption has occurred within community, resulting in a significant percentage loss of community jobs and tax base.	1, 4, 5

Applicant is one of the 24 recipients, or a core partner/implementation strategy party, of a “manufacturing community” designation provided by the Economic Development Administration (EDA) under the Investing in Manufacturing Communities Partnership (IMCP). To be considered, applicants must clearly demonstrate in the proposal the nexus between their IMCP designation and the Brownfield activities. Additionally, applicants must attach documentation which demonstrate either designation as one of the 24 recipients, or relevant pages from a recipient’s IMCP proposal which lists/describes the core partners and implementation strategy parties.	
Applicant is a recipient or a core partner of HUD-DOT-EPA Partnership for Sustainable Communities (PSC) grant funding or technical assistance that is directly tied to the proposed Brownfields project, and can demonstrate that funding from a PSC grant/technical assistance has or will benefit the project area. Examples of PSC grant or technical assistance include a HUD Regional Planning or Challenge grant, DOT Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER), or EPA Smart Growth Implementation or Building Blocks Assistance, etc. To be considered, applicant must attach documentation.	Yes. Please see Attached Documentation
Applicant is a recipient of an EPA Brownfields Area-Wide Planning grant.	

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Smart Growth

Building Blocks for Sustainable Communities



This video from EPA describes how a walkability audit — one of the Building Blocks tools — was conducted in Blue Springs, Missouri. This video from Housing & Community Solutions, Inc. (HCSI) describes how community members in the 26th Ward of St. Louis, MO worked with HCSI to apply for technical assistance through EPA's Building Blocks for Sustainable Communities program. A walkability audit was conducted in the 26th Ward as part of this technical assistance.

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Background

Many communities around the country are asking for tools to help them achieve their desired development goals, improve quality of life, and become more economically and environmentally sustainable. In response to this demand, EPA developed the Building Blocks for Sustainable Communities Program.

Building Blocks for Sustainable Communities provides quick, targeted technical assistance to selected communities using a variety of tools that have demonstrated results and widespread application. The purpose of delivering these tools is to stimulate a discussion about growth and development and strengthen local capacity to implement sustainable approaches.

A tool includes:

- An agenda, presentations, and exercises that help facilitate discussion around a given topic.
 - Data or information from the community that can be analyzed, helping to drive a conversation.
 - An action-oriented process that leads to a set of potential next steps.
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Assistance from EPA

Technical assistance is delivered by EPA staff and EPA-hired consultant teams. Each technical assistance project includes:

- Public engagement through a one- to two-day workshop.
- Direct consultation with relevant decision-makers.
- A memo outlining specific steps the community could take to implement the ideas generated during the workshop.

Learn more on our [Frequently Asked Questions](#) page.

Tools Offered

EPA offers a variety of tools through the Building Blocks for Sustainable Communities Program. Not every tool is offered in every round. Once EPA has used a tool in several communities, the tool will be refined to create a product that any community can use with limited outside assistance.

- **Bikeshare Planning:** Helps communities lay the groundwork to establish a bikeshare system, discussing feasibility, system planning, business plans, system operations, and health, safety, and social equity.
- **Complete Streets:** Teaches communities how to set investment priorities, draft policies, and implement changes to make their streets safe and appealing to all users, including drivers, pedestrians, bicyclists, and transit riders.

- **Creating a Green Streets Strategy:** Helps communities begin to develop strategies for greening their streets by adapting national best practices and case studies to their local context.
 - **Flood Resilience for Riverine and Coastal Communities:** Helps communities adapt to climate change and plan for disaster resilience by auditing local plans, policies, and development regulations. For more information on flood resilience, please see our [Flood Resilience Checklist](#).
 - **Green Building Toolkit:** Helps local governments identify policies that support compact development that features sustainably built homes and other buildings.
 - **Infill Development for Distressed Cities:** Helps local governments in distressed communities identify obstacles to development in their downtown core and strategies for overcoming those obstacles. The tool is based on [Attracting Infill Development in Distressed Cities: 30 Strategies](#).
 - **Land Use Strategies to Protect Water Quality:** Helps local governments examine land use approaches to green infrastructure that manage stormwater.
 - **Neighborhood Planning for Healthy Aging:** Explores the role of supportive neighborhood design in creating great places for aging residents.
 - **Parking Audit:** Evaluates local parking policies and offers advice on parking management strategies, drawing from successful strategies in other communities.
 - **Preferred Growth Areas:** Offers a process for communities to review values, opportunities, tools, and constraints to determine the most environmentally beneficial locations for growth.
 - **Smart Growth Guidelines for Sustainable Design and Development:** Helps the community understand the key principles and decisions at the location, site, and building levels that can result in a more sustainable plan or development proposal. The tool is based on [Smart Growth Guidelines for Sustainable Design and Development](#).
 - **Supporting Equitable Development:** Helps communities evaluate their needs around equitable development and identify strategies to manage neighborhood change and support community goals around housing, culture, and local businesses.
 - **Sustainability Strategies for Small Cities and Rural Areas:** Uses EPA's Small Town and Rural Code and Zoning Audit Tool to identify barriers to smart growth in local development codes, programs, initiatives, and policies to help small cities and towns achieve their goals for sustainable development patterns and economic growth.
 - **Sustainable Land Use Code Audit:** Evaluates local land use codes, including zoning and subdivision regulations, for opportunities to incorporate community sustainability goals, remove barriers, and create incentives.
 - **Using Smart Growth to Produce Fiscal and Economic Health:** Helps communities evaluate how to get better economic results from private development and public investments.
 - **Walking Audit:** Guides communities in assessing the pedestrian environment and forming a vision for short- and long-term improvements to sidewalks and streets. This tool, completed in 2012, is now online: [Walkability Workbook \(PDF\)](#) [Exit](#).
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Communities Selected in 2015

In January 2015, EPA selected 22 communities in 18 states to receive Building Blocks assistance. Five tools were offered:

- **Bikeshare Planning:** Baton Rouge, Louisiana; Fresno, California; Passaic County, New Jersey; St. Petersburg, Florida
- **Infill Development in Distressed Communities:** Canton, Mississippi; Danville, Illinois; Marysville, Washington; Terre Haute, Indiana
- **Flood Resilience for Riverine and Coastal Communities:** Mobile, Alabama; Newburyport, Massachusetts; New Paltz, New York; Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians, California; Scituate, Massachusetts
- **Sustainable Strategies for Small Cities and Rural Areas:** Damariscotta, Maine; Nederland, Colorado; Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, Wisconsin; Steamboat Springs, Colorado
- **Supporting Equitable Development:** Asheville, North Carolina; Austin, Texas; Cincinnati, Ohio; Polk County, Iowa; Prichard, Alabama

No communities were selected in 2014.

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Communities Selected in 2013

In February 2013, EPA selected 42 communities in 27 states to receive Building Blocks assistance. Nine tools were offered:

- **Creating a Green Streets Strategy:** Bellevue, Nebraska; Dayton, Ohio; Fort Lauderdale, Florida; Lynchburg, Virginia; Maui, Hawaii
- **Green Building Toolkit:** Boise, Idaho; Vinton, Texas
- **Land Use Strategies to Protect Water Quality:** Atchison, Kansas; Beaverton, Oregon; Caddo, Louisiana; Dubuque, Iowa; Gun Lake Tribe, Michigan; Jersey City, New Jersey; Lake Zurich, Illinois; Petersburg, Virginia; Washoe Tribe, Nevada
- **Neighborhood Planning for Healthy Aging:** Chattanooga, Tennessee; Inyo County, California; Pompano Beach, Florida; Seneca Nation, New York
- **Parking Audit:** Brunswick, Maine; Carpinteria, California; Lawrence, Kansas
- **Planning Bikeshare Programs:** Bridgeport, Connecticut; Denver, Colorado; Fort Collins, Colorado; New Orleans, Louisiana; Portland, Maine
- **Supporting Equitable Development:** Atlanta, Georgia; Buffalo, New York; Stamford, Connecticut; Tulsa, Oklahoma
- **Sustainable Strategies for Small Cities and Rural Areas:** Bowling Green, Florida; Brattleboro, Vermont; Maui, Hawaii; Murray, Kentucky; New Castle, Delaware; Vinton, Texas; Williamson, New York; Yurok Tribe, California; Zolfo Springs, Florida
- **Using Smart Growth to Produce Economic and Fiscal Health:** Fargo, North Dakota; Lake Worth, Florida; Omaha, Nebraska

Communities Selected in 2012

In 2012, EPA selected 56 communities in 26 states to receive technical assistance through the Building Blocks for Sustainable Communities program.

- **Complete Streets:** Binghamton, New York; Burlington, Vermont; Cheyenne, Wyoming; Modesto, California; Pocatello, Idaho; and Roxbury, Massachusetts.
 - **Green Building Toolkit:** Dunwoody, Georgia and Niles, Illinois.
 - **Green Streets Strategy:** East Lansing, Michigan; Passaic County, New Jersey; Northampton, Massachusetts; and Surprise, Arizona.
 - **Linking Land Use to Water Quality:** Campton Hills, Lakemoor, and Round Lake Heights, Illinois.
 - **Parking Audits:** Baton Rouge, Louisiana; Greensburg, Pennsylvania; Hennepin County, Minnesota; Holyoke, Massachusetts; Roanoke, Virginia; Simsbury, Connecticut; and Trenton, New Jersey.
 - **Preferred Growth Areas:** Dickinson, New England, and Richardton, North Dakota.
 - **Smart Growth Guidelines for Sustainable Design and Development:** Greensboro, North Carolina; Hazel Crest, Lansing, and Olympia Fields, Illinois; and Salina, Kansas.
 - **Smart Growth Zoning Codes for Small Cities and Rural Areas:** Dallas Center, Iowa; Hays, Kansas; Marietta, Pennsylvania; Onondaga County, New York; Onslow County, North Carolina; University City, Missouri; Van Meter, Iowa; Wakulla County, Florida; and Woodward, Iowa.
 - **Sustainable Land Use Code Audit:** St. Joseph, Missouri.
 - **Using Smart Growth to Produce Fiscal and Economic Health:** Fall River, Massachusetts; Henderson, Nevada; Kelso, Washington; Northampton County, Pennsylvania; Stony Point, New York; and Topeka, Kansas.
 - **Walking Audit:** Blue Springs, Missouri; Contra Costa County, California; Corpus Christi, Texas; Daytona Beach, Florida; Jackson, Michigan; Jersey City, New Jersey; Lewes, Delaware; Newtown Borough, Pennsylvania; Olympia, Washington; and Port Arthur, Texas.
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Communities Selected in 2011

In 2011, EPA selected 32 communities from two sources to receive Building Blocks assistance.

- **Complete Streets:** McKinney, Texas; Nashville/Davidson, Tennessee; Portland, Maine; and Wichita, Kansas.
 - **Preferred Growth Areas:** Bluffton, South Carolina; Ranson, West Virginia; and Rockport, Texas.
 - **Smart Growth Guidelines for Sustainable Design and Development:** Hellertown, Pennsylvania; Kayenta Township, Arizona; Oak Ridge, Tennessee; and Syracuse, New York.
 - **Smart Growth Zoning Codes for Small Cities and Rural Areas:** Cambridge, Maryland; Essex, Connecticut; Reedsburg, Wisconsin; and Spencer, North Carolina.
 - **Sustainable Land Use Code Audit:** Dover, New Hampshire; Granville, Ohio; Lincoln, Nebraska; and Shelburne, Vermont.
 - **Using Smart Growth to Produce Fiscal and Economic Health:** Bemidji, Minnesota; Chelmsford, Massachusetts; Deerfield Beach, Florida; Erie County, New York; Muskegon, Michigan; and Pike's Peak Council of Governments, Colorado.
 - **Walking Audit:** Helena, Montana; Renton, Washington; and St. Louis, Missouri.
 - **Linking Land Use to Water Quality:** Fitchburg, Wisconsin, and Jersey Shore, Pennsylvania.
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Assistance from Grantees

In addition to the EPA Building Blocks assistance described on this page, EPA provides grants to nonprofit organizations to provide similar assistance to communities. Learn more about assistance from the grantees.

Other Tools and Technical Assistance Programs

Please see our Tools page and Technical Assistance page for additional resources.

Last updated on October 28, 2015

ATTACHMENT C:

LETTER FROM STATE ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORITY (IEPA)



ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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BRUCE RAUNER, GOVERNOR

ALEC MESSINA, ACTING DIRECTOR

November 9, 2016

City of Danville
Attn: Chris Milliken, Urban Services Manager
17 W. Main Street
Danville, Illinois 61832

Dear Mr. Milliken:

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Illinois EPA) has received your request for a letter of acknowledgement for an upcoming Brownfields Assessment Grant application to U.S. EPA. The City of Danville is applying for a \$150,000 Brownfields Assessment Grant for Hazardous substances and a \$150,000 Brownfields Assessment Grant for Petroleum from U.S. EPA. Both grants will be used to perform community-wide assessments.

If The City of Danville identifies properties in the target area(s) potentially contaminated with petroleum, it must seek an eligibility determination from Illinois EPA before conducting site-specific assessments.

Illinois EPA acknowledges The City of Danville's efforts to obtain federal Brownfields funds for this project. If you have any questions, please contact me at (217) 785-7492 or by email at valerie.a.davis@illinois.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Valerie A. Davis".

Valerie A. Davis
Programs Advisor
Bureau of Land

c: Matt Didier – U.S. EPA Region 5
Bridgette L. Stocks – Fehr-Graham Engineering & Environmental

ATTACHMENT D:

DOCUMENTATION FROM COMMITTED FIRM LEVERAGED RESOURCES



Scott Eisenhauer, Mayor

December 12, 2016

Mr. Christopher J. Milliken
City of Danville
17 West Main Street
Danville, IL 61832

Re: Leveraged Resources for FY2017 Community-wide USEPA Assessment Grant Application

Dear Mr. Milliken,

The City of Danville is providing this letter as documentation for our commitment to provide in-kind local government staff resources to support implementation of a FY2017 Community-wide USEPA Assessment Grant. Specifically, the City will provide approximately 600 hours of staff time (includes grant manager and support staff) to support programmatic and community outreach activities associated with the assessment grant work. These services will include preparation of quarterly and annual reports, financial tracking, site inventory updating, hosting of public meetings, and preparation and distribution of project information as well as coordination with USEPA personnel. The total value of these in-kind services is estimated at \$30,000.

The East Main Street Corridor is a very important area of this community and its redevelopment is of the highest priority at this time. The City has committed to focusing resources on this area for the next several years. This includes allocating \$213,600 in HUD Community Development Block Grant funds last fiscal year to support public improvements along the corridor as well as an additional \$260,000 in HUD CDBG funds in the current fiscal year to build upon those improvements. It is programmed into our CDBG Consolidated Plan to continue providing at least \$250,000 per year in subsequent years. Additionally, CDBG Economic Development funds of \$75,000 are being allocated towards providing matching funds for building/façade improvements to existing non-residential buildings occupied by businesses along the corridor in the coming year. This administration is extremely focused on the East Main Street corridor area and the combined \$828,600 in leveraged funds committed herein should only be the beginning of a remarkable turnaround for the corridor as supported by both public and private investment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Scott Eisenhauer".

Scott Eisenhauer
Mayor, City of Danville



A Leader in Student Success

Office of the President

December 7, 2016

Christopher J Milliken
City of Danville
17 W. Main St.
Danville, IL 61832

Re: **FY2017 Community-Wide USEPA Assessment Grant Application**

Dear Mr. Milliken:

Danville Area Community College is committed to providing quality, innovative, and accessible learning experiences which meet the lifelong academic, cultural and economic needs of our community. Danville Area Community College has collaborated with the City of Danville, Illinois for many years including most recently on the creation of a redevelopment plan for the East Main Street Corridor area adjacent to the DACC Campus. DACC is committed to helping move that plan forward and to improve the corridor near the Campus. We look forward to actively working with the City of Danville to implement the East Main St Corridor Plan and to improve community health and vitality through its Brownfields Program which is also being focused on the East Main St corridor.

We strongly urge the USEPA's support and funding of the City of Danville's Brownfields Assessment Grant application, which will focus on identifying and assessing brownfields sites and completing cleanup and reuse planning for sites found to be contaminated.

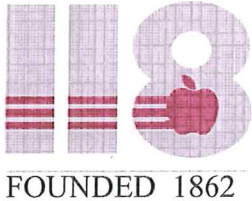
Once the City is awarded a grant, we will contribute to the City's Brownfields Program by participating in stakeholder outreach efforts for the purpose of assisting the City in reaching a wide and diverse group of citizens and stakeholders in the brownfields planning, cleanup and redevelopment process. This commitment will include approximately 15 hours of staff time over the grant period, which represents an estimated in-kind equivalent of \$1,500.

Further, Danville Area Community College is committed to the Danville community and to partnering to build a strong local economy by helping to strengthen and enhance our community workforce. Danville Area Community College has put specific training programs in place that focus on fulfilling local needs and that lead to jobs for our area residents. When awarded, DACC will continue to work with local entities to refine and implement training programs to prepare workers for the skills needed to assist in various community development areas. DACC also will make our facilities available as a host location for public meetings.

Thank you for considering this very important project to our community.

Sincerely,

Dr. Stephen Nacco
President, Danville Area Community College



Dr. Alicia Geddis
Superintendent

Mr. John Paul Hart
Assistant Superintendent

Dr. Elizabeth Yacobi
Assistant Superintendent

December 10, 2016

Mr. Christopher J. Milliken
City of Danville
17 West Main Street
Danville, IL 61832

Re: FY2017 Community-Wide USEPA Assessment Grant Application

Dear Mr. Milliken,

Danville School District 118 is committed to building a strong local community by educating and empowering the children of our community. Danville School District 118 has collaborated with the City of Danville for many years on various community projects including most recently on Danville High School Campus Planning and parking lot improvements and a new Shared Use path for the Danville High School Campus area as well as on prior brownfields assessment in cleanup work in the vicinity of Danville High School. We look forward to continuing our partnership and working with the City to improve community health and vitality through the Brownfields Program. In addition, we are confident that these funds will ultimately lead to growth in the tax base of the City and our School District.

The City of Danville has sought our help and has requested that we engage in the project to be funded under this grant. When this grant is awarded, District 118 will continue to assist the City of Danville in the redevelopment of the Danville High School campus area and the East Main Street corridor area where several of our schools are located. We will partner with the City to ensure that the area around our schools is safe, secure, and free of any environmental hazards that could pose threats to our students and staff. As part of the brownfield assessment grant process we will allow the use of District Schools for public information meetings if necessary and we will assist in educating our students and staff and the general public about brownfields.

Danville Community Consolidated School District No. 118

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www.danville118.org

These commitments amount to an in kind investment of 20 hours of staff time/resources which would equate to an in-kind equivalent of \$1,500.

In closing, thank you for considering this opportunity for the betterment of our community.

Sincerely,

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Dr. Alicia Geddis
Superintendent of Schools
(217) 444-1004
Fax: (217) 444-1006

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December 11, 2016

Christopher J Milliken
City of Danville
17 West Main Street
Danville, IL 61832

Re: FY2017 Community-Wide USEPA Assessment Grant Application

Dear Mr. Milliken,

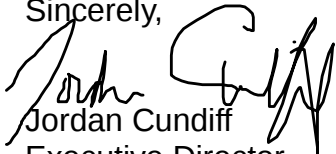
Downtown Danville Inc. is a non-profit corporation dedicated to the revitalization, promotion and redevelopment of our downtown. Our core mission is to promote a vibrant business, residential and entertainment district while serving as a catalyst for economic, social and cultural enrichment. Downtown Danville Inc. has collaborated with the City of Danville on many community projects over the years and we look forward to actively working with the City to improve community health and vitality through it's Brownfield Program.

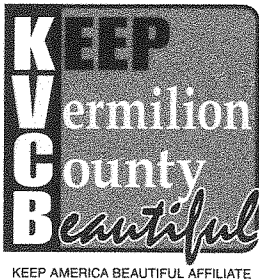
As an ongoing partner in Danville's community development efforts, we can see the need for, and value of, brownfields funds to help assess these sites and facilitate their transformation into active, productive properties. Downtown Danville Inc. understands that to be able to prosper and grow as a community, the City must be able to assess, cleanup and redevelop our brownfield sites. This Assessment Grant will help Danville continue the efforts already underway.

We look forward to being an active member of this endeavor by our participation on the Brownfield Advisory Committee and are also willing to provide public outreach and advocacy as well as meeting space if needed. These commitments can be quantified as approximately 20 hours of time, for an in-kind equivalent of \$2,000.

The economic revitalization of the City of Danville is a high priority for Downtown Danville Inc. We know that the City is dedicated to assessing, remediating, and redeveloping brownfields properties to create productive economic and green space uses. But it cannot be done without financial help. I urge the USEPA's funding of the City of Danville's application, which will help advance cleanup and revitalization efforts in our community.

Sincerely,


Jordan Cundiff
Executive Director
Downtown Danville, Inc



Brenda Adams - Executive Director

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December 12, 2016

Christopher J Milliken
City of Danville
17 W. Main St.
Danville, IL 61832

Re: FY2017 Community-Wide USEPA Assessment Grant Application

Dear Mr. Milliken:

I am writing this letter to support the City of Danville's application for a FY2017 community-wide \$300,000 United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) Assessment Grant. Keep Vermilion County Beautiful fully supports this application with the understanding that the grant will support progress toward a healthier community and natural environment in the City of Danville and will help sustain, clean up, and restore the local community by providing funds to assess brownfield sites. This grant is important to help restore those lands that have been damaged by previous landowners. Funds from the USEPA Brownfields Assessment program will help the City of Danville address contamination issues.

Keep Vermilion County Beautiful is committed to building a strong community image which we think will reflect on the local economy. The City of Danville and the County of Vermilion share a positive history of working together in tackling the problems that arise. KVCB has and will continue to serve as a member of the City's Brownfields Advisory Committee.

When the City of Danville receives the grant our organization is prepared to participate in stakeholder outreach efforts for the purpose of engaging a wide and diverse group of citizens and stakeholders in the brownfields process. Additionally, we will continue to assist the City of Danville in educating the community about protecting natural resources and in beautifying our community through the distribution of our own small matching grants to groups that care to make a difference in the environment of our community. These commitments will be equitable to 30 hours over the three year grant period, with a total estimated in kind equivalent in staff time, resources and our own grants of \$12,000.

Thank you for considering this proposal and the dynamic effect it can have on our community.

Sincerely,

Brenda Adams
Executive Director
Keep Vermilion County Beautiful





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December 9, 2016

Christopher J. Milliken
City of Danville
17 West Main Street
Danville, IL 61832

Re: FY2017 Community-Wide USEPA Assessment Grant Application

Dear Mr. Milliken,

As administrator of the Vermilion County Health Department, I understand the need for a healthy, sustainable environment to protect the residents of our communities and to bolster our public health.

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Vicki L. Haugen
President & CEO

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ATTACHMENT E:

LETTERS OF COMMITMENT FROM COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-143

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPLICATION TO UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY BROWNFIELDS ASSESSMENT GRANT PROGRAM (FY 2017)

WHEREAS, the City of Danville desires to pursue the redevelopment and reuse of vacant and underutilized sites within the community;

WHEREAS, the City of Danville is interested in applying to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) for a grant to fund Brownfields Assessment; and

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WHEREAS, a USEPA Brownfields Assessment Grant would provide the City of Danville with funding to inventory, characterize, assess, and conduct planning and community involvement related to brownfields sites; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the City of Danville to complete and file a written application and then enter into a written agreement(s) with the USEPA.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Danville, Illinois, as follows:

1. The Mayor is hereby authorized to apply for a Three Hundred Thousand Dollar (\$300,000) USEPA Brownfields Assessment Grant for the purposes as outlined above and under the terms and conditions as required by the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the State of Illinois and hereby agrees to the understandings and assurances contained in said application. This grant requires no local matching funds.
2. The Mayor is authorized to provide such additional information as may be required to accomplish the obtaining of such grant.
3. The Mayor and City Clerk is hereby authorized to sign and execute any and all documents necessary for the completion of said application, acceptance of such grant, and execution of grant agreements to fulfill the intent of this Resolution.

This Resolution is effective upon its passage, approval and publication in pamphlet form as required by law.

PASSED this 6th day of December, 2016 with 13 Ayes, 0 Nays and 1 Absent.

Approved:

By: Scott Eishenauer
Mayor

ATTEST:

By: Lisa K. Johnson
City Clerk

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December 7, 2016

Christopher J Milliken
City of Danville
17 W. Main St.
Danville, IL 61832

Re: **FY2017 Community-Wide USEPA Assessment Grant Application**

Dear Mr. Milliken:

Danville Area Community College is committed to providing quality, innovative, and accessible learning experiences which meet the lifelong academic, cultural and economic needs of our community. Danville Area Community College has collaborated with the City of Danville, Illinois for many years including most recently on the creation of a redevelopment plan for the East Main Street Corridor area adjacent to the DACC Campus. DACC is committed to helping move that plan forward and to improve the corridor near the Campus. We look forward to actively working with the City of Danville to implement the East Main St Corridor Plan and to improve community health and vitality through its Brownfields Program which is also being focused on the East Main St corridor.

We strongly urge the USEPA's support and funding of the City of Danville's Brownfields Assessment Grant application, which will focus on identifying and assessing brownfields sites and completing cleanup and reuse planning for sites found to be contaminated.

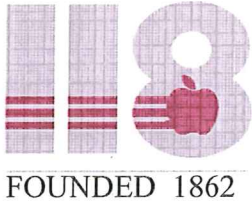
Once the City is awarded a grant, we will contribute to the City's Brownfields Program by participating in stakeholder outreach efforts for the purpose of assisting the City in reaching a wide and diverse group of citizens and stakeholders in the brownfields planning, cleanup and redevelopment process. This commitment will include approximately 15 hours of staff time over the grant period, which represents an estimated in-kind equivalent of \$1,500.

Further, Danville Area Community College is committed to the Danville community and to partnering to build a strong local economy by helping to strengthen and enhance our community workforce. Danville Area Community College has put specific training programs in place that focus on fulfilling local needs and that lead to jobs for our area residents. When awarded, DACC will continue to work with local entities to refine and implement training programs to prepare workers for the skills needed to assist in various community development areas. DACC also will make our facilities available as a host location for public meetings.

Thank you for considering this very important project to our community.

Sincerely,

Dr. Stephen Nacco
President, Danville Area Community College



Dr. Alicia Geddis
Superintendent

Mr. John Paul Hart
Assistant Superintendent

Dr. Elizabeth Yacobi
Assistant Superintendent

December 10, 2016

Mr. Christopher J. Milliken
City of Danville
17 West Main Street
Danville, IL 61832

Re: FY2017 Community-Wide USEPA Assessment Grant Application

Dear Mr. Milliken,

Danville School District 118 is committed to building a strong local community by educating and empowering the children of our community. Danville School District 118 has collaborated with the City of Danville for many years on various community projects including most recently on Danville High School Campus Planning and parking lot improvements and a new Shared Use path for the Danville High School Campus area as well as on prior brownfields assessment in cleanup work in the vicinity of Danville High School. We look forward to continuing our partnership and working with the City to improve community health and vitality through the Brownfields Program. In addition, we are confident that these funds will ultimately lead to growth in the tax base of the City and our School District.

The City of Danville has sought our help and has requested that we engage in the project to be funded under this grant. When this grant is awarded, District 118 will continue to assist the City of Danville in the redevelopment of the Danville High School campus area and the East Main Street corridor area where several of our schools are located. We will partner with the City to ensure that the area around our schools is safe, secure, and free of any environmental hazards that could pose threats to our students and staff. As part of the brownfield assessment grant process we will allow the use of District Schools for public information meetings if necessary and we will assist in educating our students and staff and the general public about brownfields.

Danville Community Consolidated School District No. 118

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These commitments amount to an in kind investment of 20 hours of staff time/resources which would equate to an in-kind equivalent of \$1,500.

In closing, thank you for considering this opportunity for the betterment of our community.

Sincerely,


Dr. Alicia Geddis
Superintendent of Schools
(217) 444-1004
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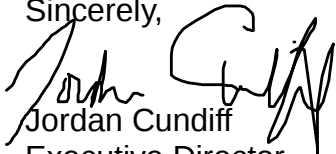
Downtown Danville Inc. is a non-profit corporation dedicated to the revitalization, promotion and redevelopment of our downtown. Our core mission is to promote a vibrant business, residential and entertainment district while serving as a catalyst for economic, social and cultural enrichment. Downtown Danville Inc. has collaborated with the City of Danville on many community projects over the years and we look forward to actively working with the City to improve community health and vitality through it's Brownfield Program.

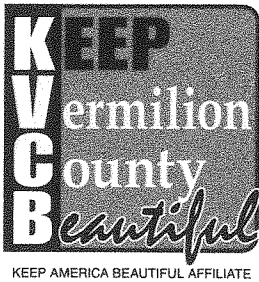
As an ongoing partner in Danville's community development efforts, we can see the need for, and value of, brownfields funds to help assess these sites and facilitate their transformation into active, productive properties. Downtown Danville Inc. understands that to be able to prosper and grow as a community, the City must be able to assess, cleanup and redevelop our brownfield sites. This Assessment Grant will help Danville continue the efforts already underway.

We look forward to being an active member of this endeavor by our participation on the Brownfield Advisory Committee and are also willing to provide public outreach and advocacy as well as meeting space if needed. These commitments can be quantified as approximately 20 hours of time, for an in-kind equivalent of \$2,000.

The economic revitalization of the City of Danville is a high priority for Downtown Danville Inc. We know that the City is dedicated to assessing, remediating, and redeveloping brownfields properties to create productive economic and green space uses. But it cannot be done without financial help. I urge the USEPA's funding of the City of Danville's application, which will help advance cleanup and revitalization efforts in our community.

Sincerely,


Jordan Cundiff
Executive Director
Downtown Danville, Inc



Brenda Adams - Executive Director

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December 12, 2016

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I am writing this letter to support the City of Danville's application for a FY2017 community-wide \$300,000 United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) Assessment Grant. Keep Vermilion County Beautiful fully supports this application with the understanding that the grant will support progress toward a healthier community and natural environment in the City of Danville and will help sustain, clean up, and restore the local community by providing funds to assess brownfield sites. This grant is important to help restore those lands that have been damaged by previous landowners. Funds from the USEPA Brownfields Assessment program will help the City of Danville address contamination issues.

Keep Vermilion County Beautiful is committed to building a strong community image which we think will reflect on the local economy. The City of Danville and the County of Vermilion share a positive history of working together in tackling the problems that arise. KVCB has and will continue to serve as a member of the City's Brownfields Advisory Committee.

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Thank you for considering this proposal and the dynamic effect it can have on our community.

Sincerely,

Brenda Adams
Executive Director
Keep Vermilion County Beautiful





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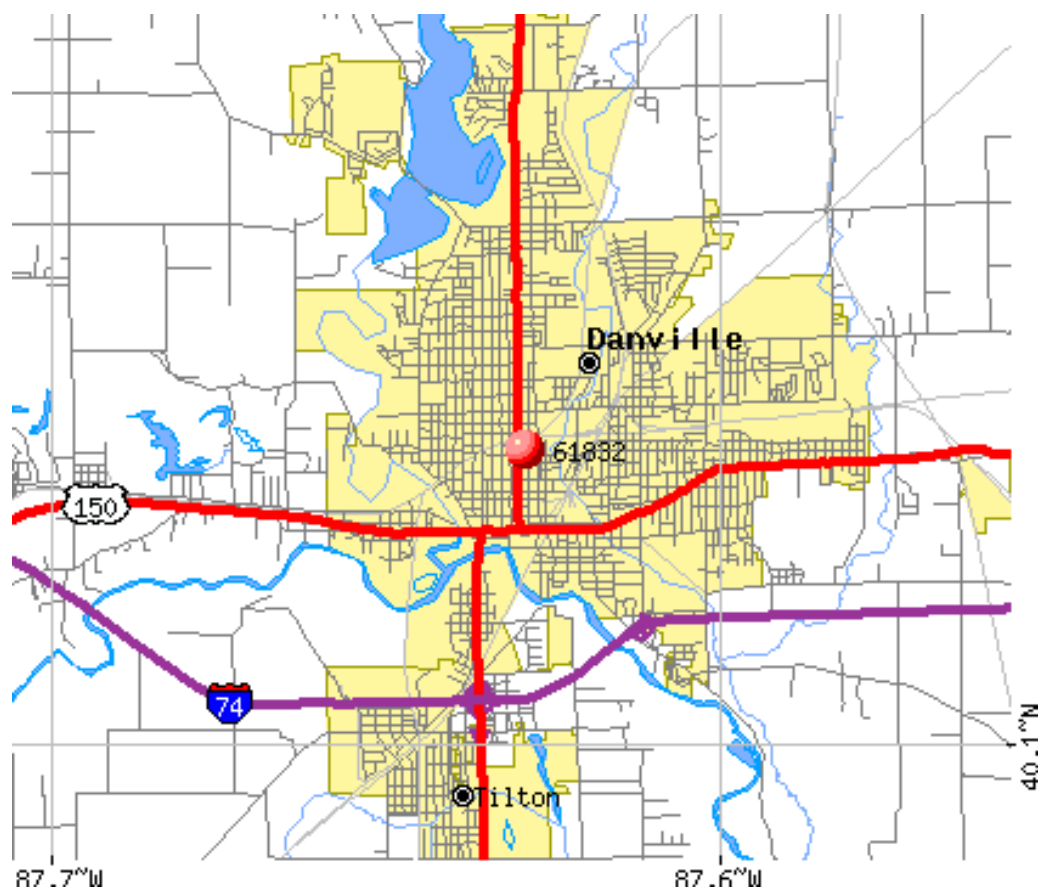
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- ☐ Preapplication
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* 2. Type of Application:

- ☒ New
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* If Revision, select appropriate letter(s):

* Other (Specify):

* 3. Date Received:

12/22/2016

4. Applicant Identifier:

5a. Federal Entity Identifier:

5b. Federal Award Identifier:

State Use Only:

6. Date Received by State:

7. State Application Identifier:

8. APPLICANT INFORMATION:

* a. Legal Name:

City of Danville, Illinois

* b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN):

37-6002207

* c. Organizational DUNS:

0714375860000

d. Address:

* Street1:

17 West Main Street

Street2:

* City:

Danville

County/Parish:

* State:

IL: Illinois

Province:

* Country:

USA: UNITED STATES

* Zip / Postal Code:

61832-5758

e. Organizational Unit:

Department Name:

Division Name:

f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:

Prefix:

Mr.

* First Name:

Christopher

Middle Name:

* Last Name:

Milliken

Suffix:

Title:

Planning & Urban Services Director

Organizational Affiliation:

* Telephone Number:

217-431-2400

Fax Number:

217-431-2237

* Email:

cmilliken@cityofdanville.org

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* 9. Type of Applicant 1: Select Applicant Type:

C: City or Township Government

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Type of Applicant 3: Select Applicant Type:

* Other (specify):

* 10. Name of Federal Agency:

Environmental Protection Agency

11. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number:

66.818

CFDA Title:

Brownfields Assessment and Cleanup Cooperative Agreements

* 12. Funding Opportunity Number:

EPA-OLEM-OBLR-16-08

* Title:

FY17 Guidelines for Brownfields Assessment Grants

13. Competition Identification Number:

NONE

Title:

14. Areas Affected by Project (Cities, Counties, States, etc.):

Danville Map.pdf

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* 15. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project:

Danville, Illinois - FY2017 USEPA Brownfields Community-Wide Assessment Grant Application - \$300,000 total request (\$150,000 Hazardous Substances; \$150,000 Petroleum)

Attach supporting documents as specified in agency instructions.

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Attach an additional list of Program/Project Congressional Districts if needed.

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17. Proposed Project:* a. Start Date: * b. End Date: **18. Estimated Funding (\$):**

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*** 19. Is Application Subject to Review By State Under Executive Order 12372 Process?**

- ☐ a. This application was made available to the State under the Executive Order 12372 Process for review on .
- ☐ b. Program is subject to E.O. 12372 but has not been selected by the State for review.
- ☒ c. Program is not covered by E.O. 12372.

*** 20. Is the Applicant Delinquent On Any Federal Debt? (If "Yes," provide explanation in attachment.)**☐ Yes ☒ No

If "Yes", provide explanation and attach

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21. *By signing this application, I certify (1) to the statements contained in the list of certifications and (2) that the statements herein are true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also provide the required assurances** and agree to comply with any resulting terms if I accept an award. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims may subject me to criminal, civil, or administrative penalties. (U.S. Code, Title 218, Section 1001)**

☒ ** I AGREE

** The list of certifications and assurances, or an internet site where you may obtain this list, is contained in the announcement or agency specific instructions.

Authorized Representative:

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* Last Name:

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